

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 3 that begins "Jay and Provasek (supra) describe..." with the marked-up paragraph presented in Appendix A, attached hereto. A clean version of the amended paragraph follows:

Al Jay and Provasek (supra) describe a further method for eliminating interference by the so-called rate-blank measurement. The correction of haemolysis interference by rate-blank measurements is also described in EP-A-0 695 805, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. In this method the sample is subjected to a pre-reaction to determine the degree of haemolysis of the sample before the actual photometric determination of a component contained in the sample. The measured value obtained subsequently is then corrected by a value which has been determined by correlating the degree of haemolysis with the amount by which the interfering components contribute to the measuring error.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7.

Please add new claims 8-23 as follows:

- 22, 23, 24
8. (new) A method of eliminating interference by hemoglobin in the determination of alkaline phosphatase in a sample, comprising: